

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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*Whereas, the Southwestern Band Program, which includes marching, concert, and pep band, Solo and Ensemble, and winter guard, under the direction of Ruth E. Nickels, prides itself on being a small band that plays from the heart, works hard, and achieves amazing things and is well-known throughout the Midwest as a "small, but mighty" group of young students;*

*Whereas, the marching band placed tenth in Class D in the 1998 Indiana State School Music Association's state finals and placed second in 2000 and in 2007, the 34-member band had an undefeated season and won the Preliminary and Finals Championship in Class A;*

*Whereas, in 2005, the band made its first appearance in the Midstates marching circuit and finished as Class A Champions and in 2006, the band won the preliminary Class A Championship and finished third overall;*

*Whereas, the concert band has constantly won gold divisions at the ISSMA concert band contests, has won the High School Concert band Division at Music Showcase Festivals at Kings Island in Ohio for the past three years, and won the outstanding high school instrumental group at Music Showcase Festivals as well as the overall sweepstakes award for the top scoring ensemble overall over any weekend in 2007;*



*Whereas, the pep band has cheered on the Southwestern Rebels at numerous athletic events including the 1998 boys' runner-up basketball team, the 2002 girl's state champion basketball team, and the 2003 girl's runner-up in Class AA basketball team; and*

*Whereas, many students have competed in the ISSMA District and State Solo and Ensemble competition each year and, the 2001 winter guard placed second and was silver medalist in the Indiana High School Color Guard Association State Finals; Therefore:*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1           SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly hereby recognizes the  
2           achievements of the Southwestern Band program in its history of  
3           repeated excellence in all areas of the program.

4           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a  
5           copy of this resolution to Jeff Bates, Southwestern High School  
6           principal and band director, Ruth Nickels.

